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PART 1 RE PARA 3(A) REF.

1. SUGGEST NEW PARAGRAPH 1A TO SOU: QUOTE IN ORDER TO
MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES, TO AVOID THE RISK OF
RETROFIT OR PRODUCTION DELAYS, AND TO ADEQUATELY PREPARE
FOR MINISTERIAL DECISIONS IN JUNE AND DECEMBER 1976,
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FUNDING AUTHORIZATION PRIOR TO JUNE 1976 IS NEEDED FOR

THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC TASKS:

A. DEFICIT ON EXISTING NAPO

-- ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET 125,000 DOLLARS

B. MARITIME RADAR STUDY 400,000 DOLLARS

C. INITIATION OF STUDY OF ENHANCED

-- DATA PROCESSING 200,000 DOLLARS

D. INITIATION OF STUDY ON APPRO-

-- PRIATE ELECTRONIC SECURITY

-- MEASURES (ESM) COMPUTER

-- INTERFACE 200,000 DOLLARS

E. BOEING CONTINUATION STUDIES 600,000 DOLLARS

UNQUOTE.

2. SUGGEST NEW PARAGRAPH 1B: QUOTE EXPENDITURES FOR EACH ADDITIONAL TASK REQUIRED TO AVOID MAJOR COST GROWTH OF THE NATO AWACS WILL BE SEPARATELY CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE ALLIES PARTICIPATING IN THE FUND. UNQUOTE.

3. DETAILED JUSTIFICATION:

A. DEFICIT ON EXISTING NAPO ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET, 125,000 DOLLARS. NAPO ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET DEPLETED AS OF APRIL 1, 1976. 125,000 DOLLARS NEEDED TO COVER THREE-MONTH PERIOD.

B. MARITIME RADAR STUDY. NEEDED TO PRICE OUT SYSTEM DESIGN OPTIONS WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED DECEMBER 1; THEREFORE, WORK MUST BEGIN NOW. US AWACS MARITIME MOD DOES NOT INCLUDE NATO PECULIAR REQUIREMENTS FOR SCAN-TO-SCAN INTEGRATION, PULSE COMPRESSION, AND SEA STATES (RRE SEA CLUTTER MODEL). REQUIREMENT FOR THESE NEW OPTIONS ORIGINATED IN THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1976 TIME FRAME AND WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE BOEING CONTRACT UNCLASSIFIED

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DEFINITION STUDY (CDS).

C. INITIATION OF STUDY OF ENHANCED DATA PROCESSING, 200,000 DOLLARS. NEW MODEL B PROPOSAL INCLUDES 14 EACH 32K MSU BANKS AS OPPOSED TO 11 EACH 16K MSU BANKS ON MODEL A. THIS CHANGE PROVIDES MUCH GREATER REAL TIME MEMORY AND CAUSES SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN SOFTWARE; DESIGN STUDIES ARE REQUIRED. WORK MUST BEGIN PRIOR TO

JULY 1 IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN IN-LINE EFFECTIVITY OF MODIFICATION IN NATO AWACS.

D. INITIATION OF STUDY ON APPROPRIATE ELECTRONIC SECURITY MEASURES (ESM) COMPUTER INTERFACE NOT COVERED IN ORIGINAL BOEING CDS. IMMEDIATE FUNDING NEEDED FOR CONTINUITY FROM BOEING CDS WORK TO NEW TASK REQUIRED, AND IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN IN-LINE EFFECTIVITY OF MODIFICATION IN NATO

AWACS.

E. BOEING CONTINUATION STUDIES AND ENGINEERING SUPPORT, 600,000 DOLLARS. COST TRADE STUDIES ARE NEEDED FOR DESIGN AND COST ITERATIONS. INFORMATION ON DESIGN, SCHEDULES, COST AND PERFORMANCE MAY CHANGE FOR ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY BY NAPO. CONTINUED ENGINEERING EFFORT IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP (HLG), CNAD, AND MINISTERIAL DECISIONS. STUDY EFFORTS CANNOT EFFECTIVELY BE COMPRESSED. IMPORTANTLY, STUDY CONTINUITY IS REQUIRED TO MEET THE LETTER OF OFFER NO. 2 DEADLINE IN NOVEMBER 1976.

3. THE EXACT TASKS AND COST MAY HAVE TO BE MODIFIED. THE NAPO WILL ADVISE THE HLG OF DETAILED AND PRECISE PLANS, INCLUDING PRIORITIES, IN ABOUT SEVEN DAYS.

PART 11 RE PARA 3 (B) REF.

1. WE AGREE THAT THE 15 MILLION DOLLARS IS A QUOTE NOT TO EXCEED UNQUOTE AMOUNT FOR CY 76, AND THAT EXPENDITURES FOR EACH TASK WILL BE SEPARATELY CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE ALLIES PARTICIPATING IN THE FUND.

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